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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1808

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CURFEW IN PERU

1. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL, A RIGIDLY ENFORCED CURFEW EXISTS IN PERU BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00A.M. AND 5:00A.M. DAILY, AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE GREATER LIMA AREA DURING THESE HOURS CAN BE HAZARDOUS. THE CURFEW CONTINUES AND AFTER-HOURS INCIDENTS INVOLVING DEATH OR INJURY CONTINUE TO BE REPORTED.

2. SO FAR, MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN A SHOOTING INCIDENT, ALTHOUGH ON TWO OCCASIONS MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS DIRECTED AT OTHER VEHICLES WITHIN SIGHT OF AN EMBASSY VEHICLE AND THE SOUND OF SHOTS IS NOT INFREQUENT DURING THE EARLY-MORNING HOURS.

3. THE ONLY AMERICAN AIR CARRIER SERVICE FROM OR TO LIMA IS

BRANIFF'S

OUTGOING FLIGHTS TO
THE U.S. AND
LIBPARWDQSHYUUXCD#EITHER DURJKMSBNEEQUIRE#THAT U.S. EMPLOYEE TRAVELE
RS AND/OR EMBASSY
SUPPORTPERSONNEL TRANSIT THE CITY DURING CURFEW HOURS.

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4. WHILE THE EMBASSY HAS MADE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR TRAVEL DURING THE CURFEW PERIOD, THE "FLY AMERICAN" POLICY AND THE RESULTING REQUIREMENT TO USE BRANIFF AS ALMOST AN EXCLUSIVE CARRIER FOR DEPARTURES TO AND ARRIVALS FROM THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS TO AND FROM MOST POINTS IN LATIN AMERICA HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID ENTIRELY OTHERWISE AVOIDABLE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE, INDEED HIGHLY DESIRABLE, TO SEEK A BLANKET EXCEPTION TO THE "FLY AMERICAN" POLICY FOR THE DURATION OF THE CURFEW. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT OTHER POSTS IN LATIN AMERICA AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR TRAVEL OFFICE SHOULD BE INFORMED OF SUCH AN EXCEPTION. AS STATED IN THE REFTEL, TRAVEL SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED SO THAT TRAVELERS TO LIMA DO NOT ARRIVE IN THE LATE-EVENING (ALLOWING FOR LATE ARRIVALS) OR EARLY-MORNING HOURS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. DEAN

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#AS RECEIVED PARA 3 LINE 3. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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